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F R E E

VBT puts 6.5 mills for Public Safety on Nov. 8 ballot

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At a special meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted 6-1 to put a 6.5 millage proposal for public safety on the Nov. 8 ballot. It would be for seven years, December 2017 through December 2023 to replace the 4 mills that expires December 2016.

Trustee Brenda McClanahan, a retired officer from the Detroit Police Department, cast the only no vote. She said she voted no on the November 2015 proposal for 6.5 mills, as well, and that proposal was turned down by voters.

She said the board members are supposed to bring their knowledge and experience to the table to make decisions. She said
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Battle for Belleville on Aug. 19 to feature WWII tank on Main

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

This year's Battle for Belleville will feature a World War II tank coming down Main Street on Aug. 19.

At its Aug. 1 regular meeting the Belleville City Council unanimously approved the WWII battle reenactment and military vehicle display for 6 to 7:30 p.m., with closings of Main, Roys and Fourth streets.

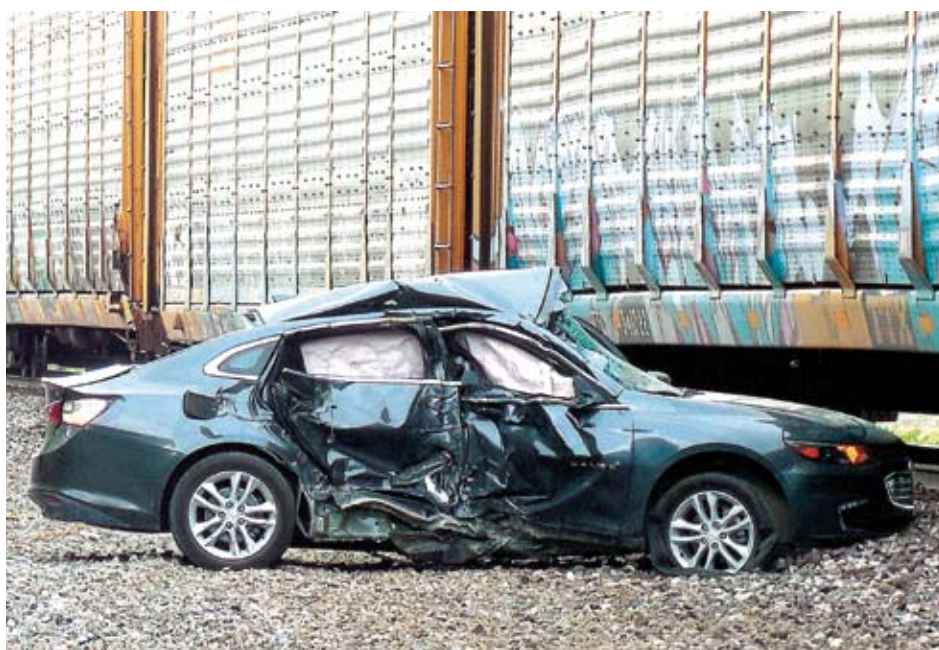
This year they would like to bring a WWII tank and have cleared the way with the police chief and the DPW director.

Aaron Williams explained about the tank in the absence of Michael Luther who could not be present. Luther is the Yankee Air Museum's Air Show Director for Thunder over Michigan.

Bringing the military vehicles and
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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman
The Norfolk & Southern train dragged Baker's car a short way down the track before it could stop. The crash site was on Savage Road next to the city's DPW yard. The Van Buren Township Police at the corner of Martinsville and Savage directed traffic away from the blocked crossing during rush hour. Great Lakes Towing sent one truck that couldn't remove the car and then sent another that could.



Joel Baker, 20, makes a call after his car and a train collided in Belleville. He leans on the skateboard he rescued from his crushed car. Baker said he got off work at Gentle Machine on Martinsville Road at 4 p.m. on Thursday and was driving home to Ypsilanti when he looked down to the dashboard to adjust the radio. When he looked up he was colliding with a train, he said.



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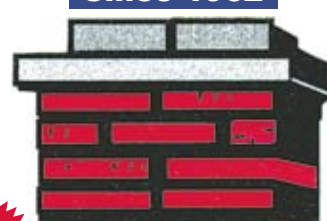
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

School Board close to hiring new principal for Belleville High School

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Abdul Madyun, former Belleville High School principal and now Human Resources Director at the Van Buren Public Schools, said they were getting close to hiring a new principal for BHS.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Madyun said he hopes to have a selection to recommend at next Monday's school board meeting.

He said phone interviews with applicants were done last week while he was on vacation and the field was whittled down to four. By Tuesday, [Aug. 9] he expected the field to be down to three, he said.

Madyun said it is very important for him to get someone in the principal's position as soon as possible.

The board approved the hiring of Sean Garland as Network/IT Administrator as of Aug. 22 and Madyun said Garland passed all the interviews with flying colors. He said Garland, who graduated from BHS, has been in the IT field for 23 years, the last 15 years with IBM. His daughter attends the Van Buren Schools and his son is on the way to being ready for school.

In other business at Monday's 35-minute meeting, the board:

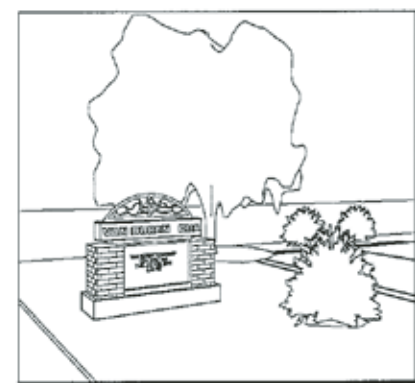
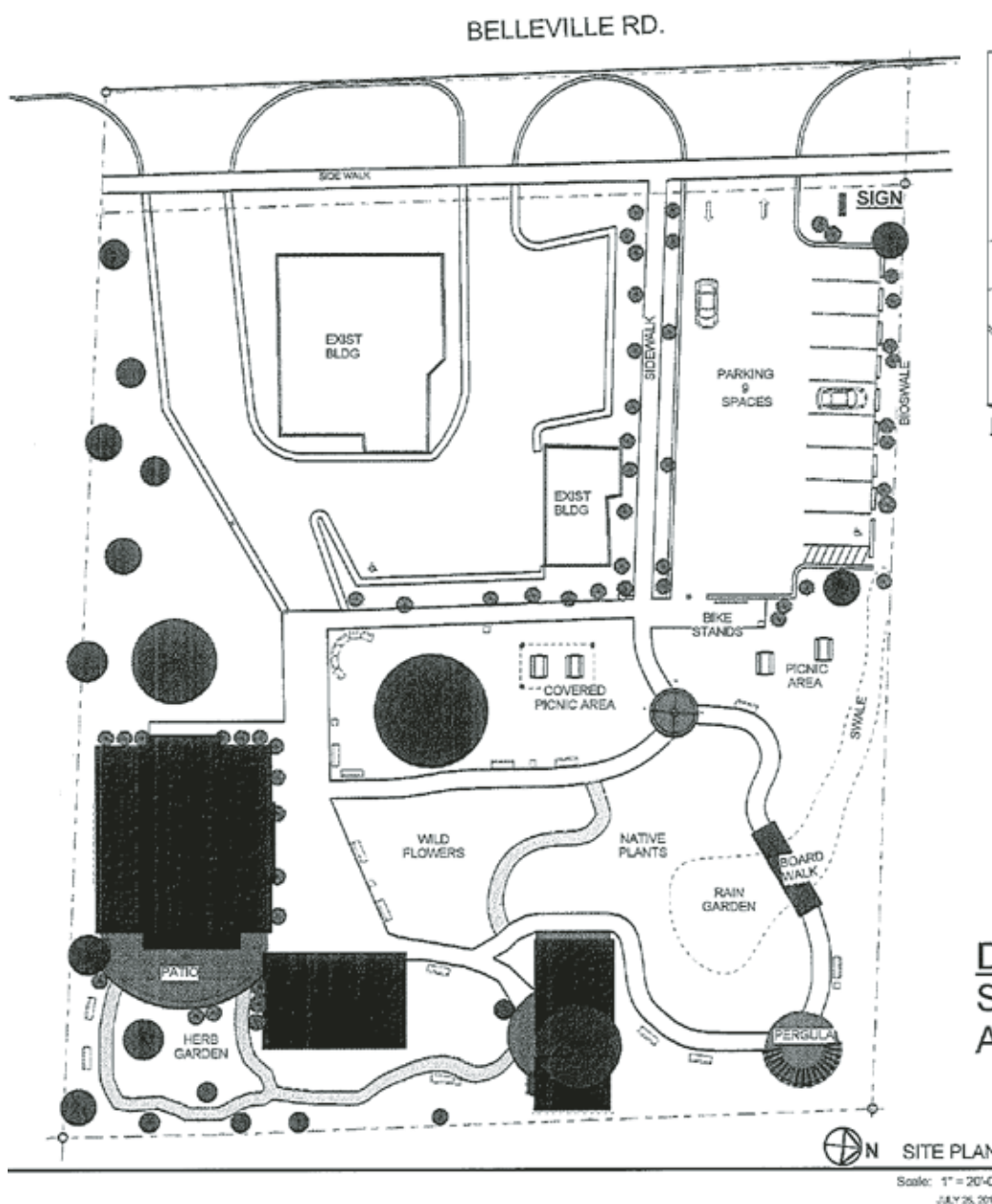
- Approved the resignation of Rosemary Pagareski from the Transportation Department after one year of service as of Aug. 2;

- Approved the rehiring of Shareen Barker as Director of Finance as of Aug. 8. Barker has tendered her resignation which the board accepted and then said she would like to rescind her resignation. She was asked to reapply for the position and she was chosen to succeed herself;

- Approved extending the milk bid from last year to the upcoming school year for Sun Valley/Berkshire Dairy and extending the bid of Great Lakes Bakery for another year for bread. Both bids are through the Southwest Wayne County Buying Cooperative Group, which is made up of eight school districts;

- Approved the \$6.65 low bid for fresh-made pizzas to Marco's Pizza over Domino's at \$7.50. Neither bidder agreed to provide the whole grain crust and the Van Buren Schools will seek a waiver on this from the state to allow enriched crusts instead. She has learned, many other districts have received the waiver. Barker said she is sure the students will like the taste of this crust better. School Supt. Pete Kudlak said Marco furnishes the pizzas at Milan, his previous school district, and

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This is a preliminary draft of the PlaceMaking Project of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority for the property the DDA purchased at 10101 and 10151 Belleville Road. Renovations are estimated at \$2.1 million. At center/left top is Remerica Main Street's office building in a renovated old house. The parking for the PlaceMaking project is at the right top and at the bottom half of the drawing are the buildings, gardens, shops, patio, and picnic area planned. A brick sign with LED announcements is planned for the entryway at top right. This drawing is a draft and is subject to review and revision.

Judge Green arraigns Cahill on charge of second-degree murder

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a 12-year-old girl died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident, the driver of the vehicle allegedly at fault was arraigned on new charges – which included second-degree murder.

Charles James Cahill, Jr., 49, of Sumpter Township was arraigned on an amended warrant on Aug. 3 by 34th District Court Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green.

Cahill was present by way of a video feed from the Wayne County Jail, where he was being held on \$1 million bond. Judge Green revoked his bond and remanded him to the jail without bond.

Judge Green said since Cahill had no attorney at yet that he should remain silent and she entered a not-guilty plea on his behalf.

His probable cause conference was set for Aug. 17 before Judge Green and his preliminary exam for Aug. 24 before Judge David Parrott.

Judge Green read the new charges, starting with homicide/second-degree murder, which she said was punishable by a maximum of life in prison.

The high blood-alcohol content of .203 within seven years of a conviction is punishable by a maximum of 20 years in prison. There also was a high BAC misdemeanor charge.

She read off the list of his past convictions for operating while intoxicated:

- 1986 – Westland
- 1987 – Plymouth
- 1989 – Westland
- 1991 – Westland
- 1994 – Detroit

- 1994 – Detroit
- 1998 – Detroit
- 2003 – Westland
- 2006 – Westland
- 2008 – Detroit

Judge Green said the third official notice calls for a maximum of five years in jail; his driving while license suspended, 15 years in jail; and driving with open container, a 90-day misdemeanor. His label as a habitual offender could make his sentence a life offense, she said.

Cahill's driver's license had been revoked by the Secretary of State in 1990 but he continued to drive.

The jury box in Judge Green's courtroom was filled with television cameras, cameramen, and reporters who recorded

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Residents oppose VBT Board's push for 6.5 mills in Nov.

At Tuesday's special meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, John Delaney said the last time the board asked for 6.5 mills, "It went down in flames."

He said the board is making another mistake by going for 6.5 mills without going to the public for discussion and input. He said the voters will turn it down and that may jeopardize public safety. He said the new supervisor and new board members will have to scramble to fix the problem.

Delaney was one of three residents speaking against the 6.5 millage proposal at the meeting. Diane Madigan, former chairperson of the Public Safety Committee, gave several ways the board could save money without asking the taxpayers for more funds. She told the board to, "Get to work!"

Former Supervisor Paul White, who is one of the four Democrat finalists for four trustee posts, said he would support renewing the four mills, but not going for 6.5 mills. He called the idea to have voters give more money to Public Safety so the township could keep the extra 2.5 mills it would have given to Public Safety to spend on other items was a "bait and switch ... I think this is terrible, terrible," White said.

Kevin McNamara, former county commissioner who won the Democrat Primary for VBT Supervisor, said he was in favor of the tax increase because it will free up dependence on the landfill.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Van Buren Township Supervisor Linda Combs is announcing her plan to run as a write-in candidate for trustee in the November General Election. On Monday she said she had intended to run in the August Primary but because of personal issues she couldn't campaign.

Now those issues are resolved, she said, and she will run as a write-in.

On the ballot for trustee will be those who won in the Democrat primary: Reggie Miller, Sherry Frazier, Kevin Martin, and Paul White, plus a non-partisan candidate who filed for trustee, James Chapman.

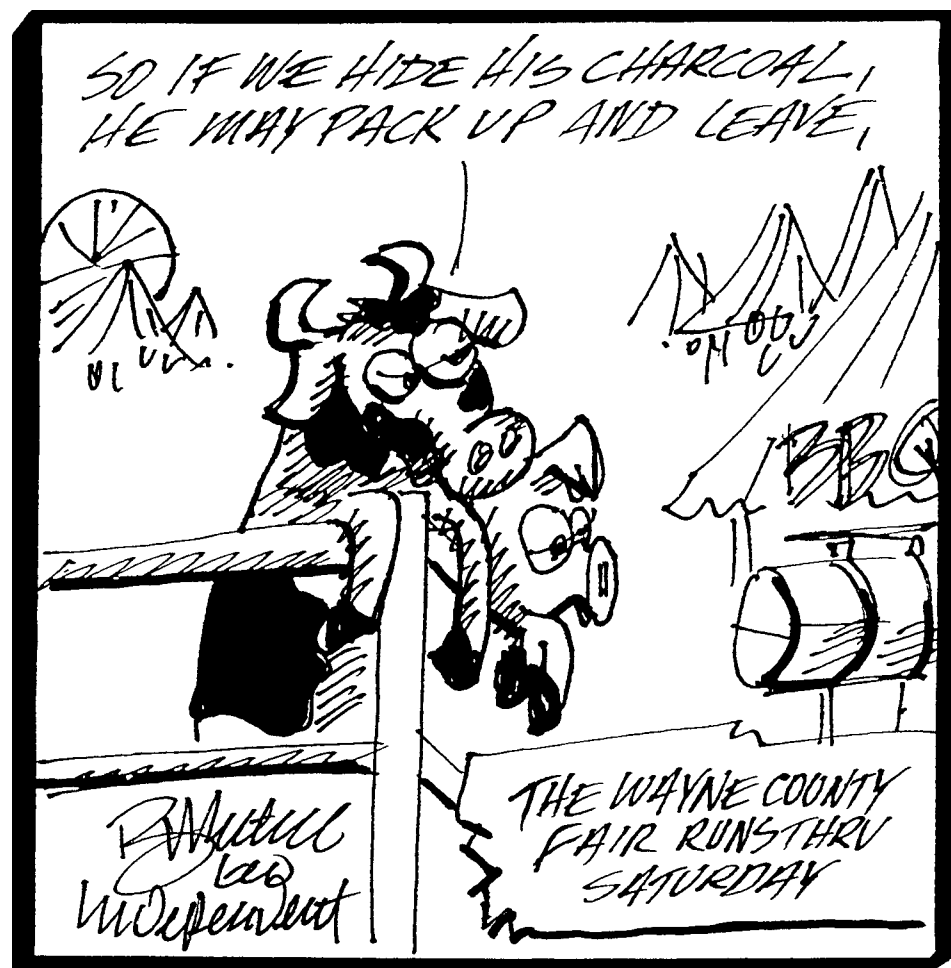
Now there are six running for the four open four-year trustee terms.

We've been informed that the monument in front of the Belleville Fire Department flag pole is a Poke stop and the fire fighters say they are glad it is. They just ask people to be respectful of the monument and not park on the fire department ramp.

Our reader Louise called to say she got a call from a young man who said he was her grandson and he had been in an accident and needed her help. He told her his nose was fractured and he was bleeding.

She said she wondered why he called her and she asked for his name. "You know my name, grandma," he replied. She persisted and finally he said his name was Chris and she hung up.

Louise said she had a friend who got a similar call from someone claiming to be her friend's grandson. He said he was in prison in Germany and in a lot of trouble. She sent him \$5,000. Seems it wasn't her



grandson, after all.

I got a tip about the car vs. train accident Thursday afternoon and hurried to the scene on Savage Road and the tracks in front of the Belleville DPW yard.

It was about 20 minutes after the crash and I went to take pictures of the car next to the stopped train and no one was around – at all. I took pictures to my heart's content and nobody told me to get back or go away. I never have gone to an accident scene where I wasn't waved back. No waving this time.

I looked under the train and saw two Belleville Police cars parked on the west side of the track and I could see the feet of two police officers. Then, they were gone. No feet. The cars were still there and it was 90 degrees out. Could I assume they were in their cars with the AC on?

Then, I saw the feet of a civilian on the ground as if someone was sitting in the back seat of the police car. Still no police feet back. It's hard to see much peeking under a parked train. I didn't think it was a good idea to climb between or under the boxcars just to talk to a police officer.

Once the Great Lakes towing truck arrived the police officers climbed through the train couplings and waved me back. The first truck couldn't lift the car, so a second Great Lakes truck arrived and did the job. Glad no one was hurt.

I've been told the train engineer was

unnerved by his train hitting the car and had to be replaced.

When I told Chief Berriman about the unattended wrecked vehicle, he told me it wasn't going anywhere. He also said they were trying to cover two closed railroad crossings and didn't have enough officers for everything.

Last Friday, Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham saw a truck going up North Liberty Street that he recognized as being part of an all-points bulletin from Washtenaw County, so he stopped it.

Chief Berriman said that was a very good stop and praised Officer Wickham for doing a wonderful job.

A passerby told me Friday afternoon that he saw a truck on Liberty with two Belleville police cars with lights on, two Washtenaw County Sheriff's cars with lights on and an older fellow in the back seat of a police car with a long beard.

A 17-year-old female told police she was taken off the street in Ypsilanti by this man and she finally jumped out of his vehicle at Willis/Bunton. Chief Berriman said the female eventually recanted her story. But, it still was a good arrest.



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Letters

Feeling very blessed to be part of community

To the Editor:

I wanted to thank you for taking the time to create the pull-out election section for the newspaper. I truly do believe that helped a lot of folks make their decision on the tri-community politics.

Giving opportunity for all the candidates to answer your questions and you publishing them gave the community the opportunity to read about them and get to know them. It's virtually impossible for us as candidates to hit every single home so that truly did help.

Though I did not win, I had an amazing time meeting wonderful people in Sumpter Township that I would have never met had I never started this endeavor. I learned a lot of history in Sumpter, as well, and I plan on embarking on this journey again in four years.

Meeting both the folks from the Morgan team and the Bardell team, being that I was the only individual not running as a team, both teams were very encouraging, supportive, and it was very nice getting to know them as individuals!

Feeling very blessed to be a part of our community!

Jennifer Price
Sumpter Township

VBT Treasurer Sharry Budd thanks supporters

To the Editor:

A big thank you to everyone who sent a donation to my campaign, let me put a sign in your yard, worked the polls on election day, offered a word of support and then got out and voted. Words cannot express my appreciation and gratitude. I am humbled and honored to serve the community of Van Buren Township as your treasurer and it is a great place my family has been proud to call home for many years.

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Thank you for support in Primary Election

To the Editor:

I would like to thank everyone who supported me in the Primary Election and throughout the past 8 years. It has truly been an honor to serve the community as your Van Buren Township Clerk. I promise never to take your trust and confidence in me for granted as I truly enjoy working for you. I will continue to strive to make your Township the best it can be, ensure your voting rights are upheld, and provide the best voting experience possible. I sincerely "Thank you!"

Clerk Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township

I'm starting a write-in campaign for trustee

To My Friends:

I appreciate the trust you've placed in me over the past four years as your Township Supervisor. As you know, I did not run for re-election because of family matters. I had planned, however, to run for a trustee position on the board because I sincerely believe that I have a lot more to contribute to our community.

When the time came to file, my husband's health had deteriorated to the point that even though he encouraged me to do so, I could not and would not take the time to campaign. Since his passing, I find that I still have the desire to serve our community as a trustee. Therefore, I am asking for your support as I launch a write-in campaign for the November election. Thank you for your continued support.

Linda Combs
Van Buren Township

Thank you for the help at Walmart on Aug. 3

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the woman and young girl who kept an eye out on my shopping cart and purse while I used the ladies' restroom at Walmart's on Wednesday, Aug. 3, around 5:30 p.m. I thank you for your help and your kindness.

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To the Editor:

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Ann Celia Remus

ANN CELIA REMUS

(July 26, 1928 – August 2, 016)

Ann Celia Remus, age 88, of Van Buren Township died August 2, 2016. Beloved wife of the late Jerome Remus. Loving mother of Michael (Linda) Remus, Kathryn Suemnick and David Remus. Dearest grandmother of Dena (Scott) Gyulveszi, Mark (Krissy) Schlund, Angela (John) Osborne and Jori Remus and great-grandmother of Cory and Tyler Gyulveszi, Grant and Lucas Schlund and Hannah Osborne. She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Rose Mueller. Service was Monday, August 8, at 11 a.m. at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, (next to Michigan Memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp., (734) 783-2646. Visitation was Sunday, 1-8 p.m. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. www.mimemorial.com



Joseph Allen McLaughlin

JOSEPH A. McLAUGHLIN

(May 26, 1951 – August 5, 2016)

Joseph Allen McLaughlin, age 65, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Friday, August 5, 2016 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born May 26, 1951 in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Cash and Katharine (Warden) McLaughlin, Jr.

Joe graduated from Willow Run High School. He retired from the Ford Motor Company Brownstown plant after 17 1/2 years of loyal service. He enjoyed hunting and loved fishing. Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his devoted wife of nearly 46 years, Deborah Ann (Taylor) McLaughlin; five children; Jason (Christine) McLaughlin of Tecumseh, MI, Jeremy McLaughlin of Belleville, MI, Maurice McLaughlin of Belleville, MI, Delia (Brian) Mitchell of Livonia, MI and Rebekah (Deve're) Pipkins of Ypsilanti, MI; ten grandchildren Caleb, AdreAnna, Owen, Jonah, Addison, Jayden, Colin, Greyson, Elliott and Isaiah; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded by his parents, also his brother Michael McLaughlin.

Visitation was 1-8 PM Monday, and 12-1 PM Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service began at 1 PM Tuesday. Interment will follow in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital, Detroit, MI and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Henry Jerome Burek



HENRY JEROME BUREK

(November 9, 1949 – August 7, 2016)

Henry Jerome Burek, age 93, lifelong Belleville area resident, passed away Sunday, August 7, 2016 at his daughter's home. He was born November 9, 1922 in Waltz, MI, son of Albert & Mary Ann (Dybowska) Burek.

Henry was born in the house on what is now Apple Charlie's. His father was a tree salesman and his parents expanded the apple orchard and later sold it in the 1950s. Henry proudly served his country in the U.S. Army in WWII from January 26, 1943 until December 30, 1945. He earned a victory medal, bronze star, two battle stars and four overseas service bars. Mr. Burek was a finish carpenter who worked as a Journeyman and was a member of the Carpenters Union. He loved his family and built all of the families' houses. He also enjoyed gardening and planted over 500 trees. He was a devoted member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville.

Survived by seven children and 12 grandchildren; Michael (Tanya) Burek, and their children Lauren & Anya, of Louisville, Colorado, Susan Burek of Willis, MI, Thomas Burek and his son Abraham of Anchorage, Alaska, Deborah (David Trotter) Burek and their children Noah & Evan, of Livonia, MI, Carol Kehoe and her children Benjamin & Audrey of Williamston, MI, David (Kellie) Burek and their children Henry & Halie, of Hartland, MI and Sandra (Todd) Stockwell and their children Ashley, Sierra & Natalia, of Belleville, MI. He is also survived by one sister, Cecilia Pelachyk of Dearborn Heights, MI, and numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Eleanor Mae (Edwards) Burek on July 25, 1993, also eight siblings.

Visitation will be 4-8 PM Friday, August 12, 2016 with a 7:30 PM Prayer Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass will be Saturday, August 13, 2016 at 11:00 AM at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, with Father Thomas H. Cusick as Celebrant. In-state 10-11 AM. Interment will follow at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

DONNA M. NUGENT

(May 12, 1929 – May 7, 2016)

A Celebration of Life will be held in memory of Donna M. Nugent from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 14, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

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Obituaries



Steven John Tollus

STEVEN JOHN TOLLUS

(May 1, 1959 – August 5, 2016)

Steven John Tollus, age 57, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Friday, August 5, 2016, at his home, after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was born May 1, 1959 in Allen Park, MI, son of John & Lillian (Bala) Tollus. He graduated from Allen Park High School. He retired from General Motors Powertrain after nearly 39 years of loyal service. Steve was a member of the U.A.W. Local #163, the Ypsilanti Moose Lodge #782 and the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #2250, Ypsilanti. He loved the outdoors; fishing, camping, playing softball, and he was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed playing cards, especially Euchre Tournaments. Steve loved to tell stories, and was known to embellish his stories, just a little bit. Mr. Tollus is survived by his loving wife of 19 years, Jo Anne (Hurt) Tollus; daughter Debbie Fitzgerald of Ypsilanti, MI; extended family Joseph (Honey) Wiseman of Dresden, TN and Jacob (Samantha) Stevens of Roundup, MT; 5 grandchildren; Jeremy R.C. Fitzgerald, Dagan Workman, Chase Wiseman, Paige Stevens and Stella Stevens; mother-in-law Jennifer Hurt of Statesville, NC; brother Paul (Beth) Vaghy of Romulus, MI, sister Mary (Brian) Couperthwaite-Copsey of Belleville, MI; also three brothers-in-law; Byron, Nathan and Owen Hurt, all of Statesville, NC. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law Billy Joe Hurt, also daughter Felicia Workman on February 22, 2012.

A gathering was held Tuesday, August 9, 2016 from 2-6 PM with a 6 PM Memorial Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice and would be appreciated.

Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

KATHLEEN MARY STEWART

(August 11, 1959 – July 31, 2016)

Age 56, of Romulus and former long-time Belleville resident. Survived by son Brian, 6 grandchildren, her mother Marie Cavill, sister Susan Bakilla, and brothers John and Bill Cavill. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



Dr. Timothy V. Sullivan

DR. TIMOTHY V. SULLIVAN

(November 3, 1949 – August 5, 2016)

Dr. Tim Sullivan, 66, of Belleville, MI passed away on Friday, August 5, 2016. He was born on November 3, 1949 in Detroit, MI, a son of Vincent and Lillian (Potocer) Sullivan.

Dr. Sullivan was an avid outdoorsman who loved camping and fishing, especially with his family. He regularly volunteered with Fish "N" Fun Days at Heritage Park, teaching children the sport of fishing. Tim showed support and love for everyone around him. He earned a PhD in anthropology which he taught at Wayne County Community College. Tim would keep family and friends fascinated and entertained by his many stories of his world travels.

He was loved by everyone who had the privilege of knowing him. He was employed by Ford Motor Company and Wayne County Community College as a professor.

Dr. Sullivan is survived by his beloved step-daughters Angela (Louis) Vena, Julia Cislighi and Nina Cislighi and his cousin Tim McGee. Also survived by numerous friends and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents. Cremation Rites will be accorded.

A Celebration of Tim's life will be held on Sunday, August 14, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Moose Lodge, 45476 Harris Rd., Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions in Dr. Sullivan's name are suggested to the wishes of his family.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Higginson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville, MI (734) 697-9400.

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More Letters

Thank you, Sumpter voters, for your choice

To the Editor:

Now the Primary election is complete and, thank goodness, the citizens of Sumpter have supported the experienced team.

The opposition (Bardell Team) really showed unprofessionalism by being downright loud and nasty, along with making false allegations, harassment and intimidation aimed at township departments, officials and employees.

I'm very happy and proud of the citizens of Sumpter Township for making the right choice, once again, by electing the experienced, professional, friendly, competent, conscientious and caring people to keep moving this wonderful community forward.

Thank you, Sumpter Township voters!
Sincerely,

Sybil Buchanan, Water Clerk
Sumpter Township

City kept taking down my yard sale signs

To the Editor:

I was having a yard sale last week, put up signs, and the City of Belleville takes them down. We cough out money for them and they take them all down. Permit of \$3 for the first one and \$10 for the second. Just leave signs alone.

Belleville Resident

DDA's \$2.1 million project is unbelievable

To the Editor:

Unbelievable. A place-making project for 2.1 million where people rest during a walk down Belleville Road, sit and read, and go to the bathroom. Again, \$2.1 Million. Next we'll hear that the DDA needs to hire personnel to clean the bathroom and maintenance. Why don't they put a porta-john next to one of the many vacant benches along Belleville Road?

One bathroom and five parking spaces for meetings wouldn't be enough for a DDA Meeting. And, if the Chair of the DDA, Curt Atchinson wants to give his employees at Atchinson Ford a place to eat their lunch, he should build a cafeteria on HIS property.

Right now the DDA is capturing \$1.25 million per year. They are spending \$2.44 million for bond payments, maintenance, property acquisition and expenses. In other words, they are spending twice as much as they are bringing in.

Rosemary, thanks for reporting on the DDA meetings which include a self-perpetuating strategy.

Diane Madigan
Van Buren Township

Editor's Note: At the DDA meeting it was stated there were five parking spaces planned. On the draft site plan which has since been furnished to us, the total looks like nine spaces.

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Never seen hints of racism at Belleville PD

To the Editor:

I read your comments about PD and the comments from Derek and I was surprised about his comments.

I've dealt with Belleville PD for years and never seen any hints of racism. For FD, we have no black members, as well.

We did a few years ago, but he moved away because of job changes. I can't speak for PD, but for FD and I would bet that Chief Loranger would agree that we don't care what race, sex, sexual orientation, religion, normal occupation, whatever you are, because it's not relevant to doing the job.

In our mind, if you have the passion to serve your community and you are trained or want to be trained and live within four miles and pass the background checks we're glad to have you.

We've had people contact/apply with us who lived past the four-mile limit and we've contacted them to let them know they are too far for us, but please contact department X, Y, Z because you are within their area and they are hiring.

Currently we are full, but if we do get any open spots in the future we want everyone who wants to apply to apply.

Brian Blackburn
Belleville Fire Department

Editor's Note: He refers to the July 28 Extra Things I Know column.

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Singing Shopper got me thinking about Outreach

To the Editor:

Re: Christian Outreach

Not long ago, I was grocery shopping at our local Walmart store. I was near the end of the breakfast cereal aisle when I heard a voice singing. I thought it was coming over the store's speaker system, but the voice seemed to be moving closer. So, out of curiosity, I walked to the end of the row to the main aisle and there, I saw a man pushing a shopping cart and singing to the top of his lungs: "Amazing Grace."

I think I stood there dazed for awhile because all I could say to this man was "thank you," as he went further into the crowd, still singing. What a beautiful experience – totally unexpected and a delightful surprise! I forgot what I came into the store to buy that day, but it really didn't matter now because I just wanted to cherish the moment.

Since then, I've thought about that man several times and I've wondered how many other lives he may have touched that day – one voice singing that special "Amazing Grace." I'm thinking – he must be a Christian because there he was, using his God-given vocal ability to sing God's blessings and love for all mankind, in his own outreach to our community.

That man was being obedient to God's word. He instructs His people (each of us), as His disciples, to "Go Tell It on the Mountain." Maybe we don't have mountains here in our tri-community but we do have parks, sidewalks, neighborhoods, and markets where we can, each of us, young and old, put to His Prime use, our God-given skills and capabilities.

I wonder, too, and I fervently pray that our community leaders, our Spiritual leaders – our local clergy: Will you step outside your pulpits and personally, by example, join with us to publicly proclaim His purpose for our lives – Discipleship and Christian Outreach? We Americans need your Christian leadership – especially now, in this present age, perhaps as never before!

On that day, one singing shopper did precisely that. Only God knows how many lives he touched!

To my Christian friend – the singing shopper – I want to Thank You! Your appearance and Christian outreach that day at our Belleville Walmart store both inspired and encouraged me to give more of myself toward His purpose for my life. I pray more and more Christians will, like you, join together and publicly proclaim their Christianity by whatever means (talents and gifts) God has given us all.

God Bless America.

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

St. Jude answered my prayer and I'm grateful

To the Editor:

Say this prayer 9 times a day and by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised.

St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

St. Jude answered my prayer and I am extremely grateful.

Thank you,
Kristina, Belleville

Don't take away our Monday night car show

To the Editor:

Please don't take away our Monday night car shows. I go every week because I love to see the community join together with family and friends and share a beautiful summer night. I love that people come from all over to share their cars and memories with us. I don't see any reason to put an end to something so positive and beneficial to our community.

Janet Howard

VBT Supervisor-elect made strange promises

To the Editor:

Today I reviewed the election campaign literature that I received from Kevin McNamara who won the Democrat Primary vote this past Tuesday, August 2. If elected township supervisor he pledged, "to improve our roads and township infrastructure(?) through money made available from the county and state." That sounds interesting, but just what money is available from Wayne County and how does he propose to wrangle any substantial grants from Lansing?

Then he indicates that he wants to, "get our schools back on track". That's a noble endeavor for sure and everyone in our community can agree that steps should be taken to restore our confidence in the local school system and our board of education. However, we previously had a program established with WCCC wherein Belleville High School students could qualify for studies at the Western Wayne County Campus on Haggerty Road and those students who participated could earn an Associate's Degree while completing their high school academic courses at WCCC. Even though this was a great opportunity for earning a free diploma from community college the stipulations that went along with the qualifications were apparently too great for most children to actually want to participate. A free education isn't necessarily a good thing if the students have no skin in the game, so to speak.

Next, Kevin wants to "Get Visteon Village filled by new tenants! This makes it an asset to our community rather than a drain on our pocket books." I haven't a clue as to what he means since there isn't a Visteon Village any longer. That property was sold to a private, out-of-state real estate investment firm: Sovereign Partners LLC. The 287-acre development is today referred to as the Grace Lake Corporate Center and it is currently filled to capacity with tenants who have signed long-term leases with the real estate investment firm that owns the property.

Van Buren Township has no say in who

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can or cannot reside in this complex; it's a private business and not a municipal asset. However, the township can regulate the type of businesses that locate on this property through zoning ordinances that restrict manufacturing and certain other development planning. What "tenants" is he referring to and how does he propose to make any changes to the long-term leases signed and agreed to for this private property?

Finally, he proposes that we, "Maintain quality Police/Fire/Rescue with quality oversight." Quality is arguably a question of individual perception and what satisfies some people may not be what others require for their standards. A proposed 6.5 mills for a dedicated Public Safety Department was recently defeated in our township with efforts led by Trustee Brenda McClanahan and the current POLC president. I suppose we'll have to continue to "rob Peter to pay Paul" in order to make ends meet.

Residents of the City of Wayne were just asked to support a proposed dedicated 14 mills for Public Safety and it was defeated without any hope of resolving the crisis in that community. The City of Wayne is in a similar situation as Van Buren Township and was using Ford Motor Company taxes to balance the General Budget. Afterwards, when the federal courts decided in favor of Ford and that the city had actually over-taxed the company that revenue not only disappeared -- it had to be paid back. The deficit this has created in the City of Wayne General Budget has resulted in a municipal bankruptcy situation for residents in that community. Our future could face a similar plight by 2019 due to the bankruptcy settlement that left our residents holding the bond debt incurred when the Grace Lake property was first developed for sale to Visteon. Thank you, POLC President Adam Byrd and Brenda McClanahan for saving a few dollars now so that we can be devastated in the near future!

Supervisor-elect McNamara also wants to, "Draw in vibrant businesses," something everyone would like to see happen. First, we need to secure a tax base that will sufficiently meet the requirements of this township so that our welcome mat won't be muddled with a defunct tax structure accompanied by depleted municipal services. The landfill tipping fees could have been used to help pay down the bond debt, but instead we continue to depend on those tipping fees to subsidize our yearly General Fund Budget. By the way, there are very few "patrol officers" who actually reside in this community (less than a handful). The POLC, an affiliation led by Patrol Officer Adam Byrd, succeeded in defeating a very worthwhile proposal that would have insured that we could maintain our current level of Public Safety without having to incorporate the "blended-rate officer pay" into the equation. With 4 mills that can't happen and layoffs will be

assured -- which should make the blended rate officers quite happy, I suppose?

CeJay Marshall
VBT property taxpayer

Belleville Police seek warrant for person passing counterfeit bills

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said his department is preparing a warrant request for the arrest of a person suspected of passing counterfeit bills in this community.

He said they are \$10s and \$20s.

Chief Berriman said new, real bills have an engraving you can see when you hold them up to the light. Also, he said, the texture of the paper is different on counterfeit bills. Also, he said, if you look at the printing on a bill and it isn't clear, it's no good.

Wayne County Parks to host Hobby Day at Crosswinds Marsh

Wayne County Parks will host a day of hobby-related fun for the entire family on Saturday, Aug. 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crosswinds Marsh, located at 27600 Haggerty Road in Sumpter Township.

Hobby Day is all about trying something new. Whether you're a die-hard hobby enthusiast or someone who just wants to try fishing for the first time, this program is for you.

Experts will be on hand to answer questions and help you get started in an exciting new hobby. Some of the activities include: chess, birding, astronomy, photography, hiking, kite-building, Lego-building, canoeing, fishing, and more. Fishing poles and bait will be provided.

This program is recommended for all ages. In the event of inclement weather, such as heavy storms and rain, the program will be cancelled. This event FREE to all participants.

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School Board

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they used to have field trips to Marco's and each kid would make a small pizza;

- Heard Madyun report a big chunk of his time has been spent working on benefit changes accepted by the teachers, but in five days they were able to turn it around, although there were a few bumps along the way. He said he has posted positions for elementary teacher, high school Spanish teacher, and a health position;

- Barker said the auditors came out and had planned to be at Van Buren Schools for three days and only needed two days. She said it helped that the district has had a preliminary audit. She also reported that the total legal fees for the 2015-16 school year were \$293,900.42. She said she will present a five-year trend of legal fees. Board President Brent Mikulski told Barker to make sure she tells what type of legal service is being presented, because they need lawyers for different issues. Trustee Sherry Frazier asked her to "break out the lawsuits, please";

- Heard Curriculum Director Jeff Moore say RESA will be presenting an Educator Evaluation Training for administrators and will give the district \$3 per pupil to help pay the cost;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak encourage board members to attend the Nov. 11-12 Michigan Association of School Boards conference at Ren Cen right after the election. He said

there is a new procedure where he and the board president (usually the president but since he is running for office maybe another board member) will meet with board candidates to tell them what it's like to be a board member and to give them a packet of information. He also said he would like two regular board meetings a month, instead of one regular meeting and one work/study, as in the past. He said it helps with transparency and better flow;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say that all the teachers have their assignments, including the Savage teachers who are no longer suspended. He said lawyers are talking to lawyers on the law suit and the court has not issued a scheduling order;

- Learned the MASB will set up three hours of training for the board on Jan. 23 to learn superintendent evaluation;

- Heard Trustee Frazier suggest having permanent substitutes in each building, "so at least you know you have somebody you can count on." She said if there is no job in that school, the sub could be loaned to another school or tutor a student. Trustee Kathy Kovach said the schools used to have them. Madyun said they do have them at BHS;

- Was reminded that Rod Green of MASB will work with the board for about an hour and a half at its meeting on Aug. 15; and

- Went into closed door session to consult with attorneys on litigation: 16-CZ-11805 (the lawsuit by Savage school teachers against the school district).

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The first Van Buren Township "Street Eats" was held July 28 and 29, under the direction of Nicole Sumpter of the VBT Clerk's Office.

Twisted Rooster was the only local restaurant to participate in that first special lunchtime event and so it was Twisted Rooster's manager that was invited to be interviewed on Channel 7, along with Matthew Best, deputy director of the VBT planning and economic development department.

Best said the special lunchtime event was first planned for VBT employees and then was expanded to include the whole community. The idea was to include local businesses.

The food at the first event was varied and brought by Twisted Rooster and a variety of other area restaurants.

Cahill charge

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the proceedings. The *Independent* was the only person in the audience.

The charges against Cahill stemmed from the 8:18 p.m. July 27 accident at the corner of Martinsville and Willis roads when Cahill reportedly was driving northbound on Martinsville at more than 80 mph when he smashed into a stopped minivan with Veronica Mack in the back seat. She was cut out of the vehicle by Sumpter fire fighters and airlifted to Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, where she died July 30.

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- Thursday, Aug. 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work/study session, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 16 – Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission meeting, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township work/study at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. (State Rep. Bill LaVoy announced he will be attending the 6:30 p.m. Sumpter meeting.)
- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m., followed by regular board meeting at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. (optional) Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

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More Letters

Many enjoy Main Street Car Show, keep it going

To the Editor:

Is Belleville being forced to bite the dust again?

It almost seems ironic that a letter with this information has to be written to address and advise the public and the administrative officers for the city of Belleville. A couple weeks ago, a letter was published in the *Independent* stating that the Belleville car

show held on Monday evenings and the closing of Main Street were infringing on this person's ability to travel and find locations to eat.

You may or may not know that people used to gather downtown on a Saturday morning to shop and to say hello to each other and discuss the happenings of the day. Further, as most of you know, our society changed its habits and people started going to large merchandise malls. I have been a resident of the city of Belleville in excess of 70 years and have seen many changes, especially during the election years. The general consensus of anyone that was

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 8 am Swine Show - Livestock Pavilion
 11 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 6 pm Sheep Show - Livestock Pavilion
 8 pm Fair Royalty Announcement - Patio

Tuesday, August 9

(Seniors Day - 55 & Older - Free Parking)
 6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am Poultry Show - Poultry Barn
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$1.00 Ride Day
 5 pm Pony Pull - Track
 5 pm Senior Basket Raffle - Community Arts
 6 pm Goat Show - Livestock Pavilion
 7 pm Mini Horse Pull - Track

Wednesday, August 10 (Ladies Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 8 am Rabbit/Cavy/Pocket Pet Show - Cozadd Building
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 4 - 10 pm Carnival - \$10 All-U-Can-Ride
 5 pm Ladies Basket Raffle Results - Community Arts
 5 pm Dairy Show - Livestock Pavilion
 6 pm Beef Show - Livestock Pavilion
 7 pm Truck/Tractor Pull - Track
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Thursday, August 11 (Kid's Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am Goat Milking - Livestock Pavilion
 9 am Horse Show - Horse Arena
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 12 - 4 pm Mini Pedal Tractors - Merch/Comm. Arts
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 - 3 pm Kid's Games (12 & Under) - By Gazebo
 2 - 10 pm Carnival \$9 - 2-6pm; \$18 After 6 pm
 2 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 2 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 2 pm Deadline Coloring Contest w/ Prizes - Dining Hall
(Ages: 3-5, 6-9, 10-13)
 5 pm Great Lakes Jousting Games - Horse Arena
(Practice)
 6:30 pm Livestock Auction - Livestock Pavilion
 7 - 8:30 pm Great Lakes Jousting Games - Track
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 8 pm Bike Raffle - Cozadd Building

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Friday, August 12

(Veteran's Day - Free Parking w/Military ID)

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 11 am Goat Pack Class - Livestock Pavilion
 10 am - 2 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 pm Master Stockman Workshop
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Saturday, August 13 (Last Day)

6:30- 9:30 am Breakfast - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am - 3 pm Car Show
 10 am Master Stockman Contest - Livestock Pavilion
 10 am - 4 pm Lunch - Dining Hall w/A/C
 9 am - 12 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena
(Kids Participate)
 12 - 8 pm Michigan Stiltwalker - Strolling
 1 - 10 pm Carnival - \$18
 1 - 10 pm Crafters/Vendors
 Various Times Wood Carving Shows
 1 - 10 pm Miracle of Life Exhibit - Cozadd Building
 1 - 10 pm Kids Games - By Gazebo
 2:30 pm Great Lakes Jousting - Horse Arena
(Games Competition)
 4 pm Livestock Awards - Livestock Pavilion
 5 pm Horse & Pony Awards - Livestock Pavilion
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VBT millage

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the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, where she has served in the past, took a poll and listened to voters. That board reduced the Sinking Fund millage it was seeking from 1.3 to .5 mills, which the voters passed last November.

Trustee McClanahan, whose husband was a former VBT Public Safety Director, said she supports the police department, but objects to the way this proposal was presented.

"There is a contentious group of residents who do not support 6.5 mills and ... the reality is we work for them," McClanahan said, adding the board needs to show the public why they need the money.

Clerk Leon Wright spoke to the timing of the proposal and why the board needed a special meeting. He said the Primary Election was Tuesday and that's when they looked at the dates. He said he asked Supervisor Linda Combs if she still wanted the public safety millage on the November ballot and she said she did. He told her they had a deadline coming up real soon. She asked when and he told her next week.

"We had to have a special board meeting to get it to the county on time," Clerk Wright

said.

He said the 6.5 mills will be dedicated to Public Safety and will relieve the money being spent on Public Safety in the general fund.

"We have to relieve the pressure on the general fund and this is one way to do it," Clerk Wright said.

Three speakers opposed the proposal, saying the new millage will give the township more money to squander on frivolous items, like the new DPW trucks.

Paul White, former township supervisor who is a finalist for trustee, said the millage is dedicated to the Public Safety Department, but will that department get their budget increased by \$2 million?

"If not, how do you propose that money to be spent?" White asked.

Clerk Wright said this Public Safety millage will relieve taking money from the general fund for public safety.

"We want to keep our township secure," he said. "We have to relieve the pressure on the general fund and this is one way to do it."

Kevin McNamara, who won the Democratic primary for supervisor, supported the 6.5 mills. He said VBT hasn't used its landfill money the way it was supposed to be used to increase the quality of life in the township. Instead it was used to balance the budgets.

He said Canton, for example, used its landfill money to build a music theater, police buildings, and other amenities.

"This 2.5 mills is going to lighten the load on the landfill money," McNamara said.

Supervisor Combs said more people vote in a Presidential election and so this will give more people a chance to make a decision on the millage.

"Yes, it frees up some money in the general fund, not necessarily for the Visteon bond, but our other responsibilities in the building, senior, and other departments," she said. "We can't continue on the back of the landfill."

It was noted if the millage fails, there were four more elections next year when it could be presented to voters.



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More Letters

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running for an elected office and the aim of the city council seem to be directed at attempting to get more business and more people downtown.

As part of expanding Belleville to the outside world and welcoming more people to visit here, first, the city wanted to appear to be friendly and took over the ownership of Main Street, as they wanted to control the parking for the visitors that came to the city.

If you want to know a little history of Belleville from the 1940s and '50s, these are a few businesses that were found on Main Street. There were restaurants, meat markets, grocery stores, drug stores, dress shops, hardwares, shoe stores, bowling alley, bakery, and a dairy along with seven gas stations within the city. I've also forgotten some businesses, the shoe repair shop, and the garment cleaners and tailor repairs, several doctors' offices, a flower shop, barber shops – one of which featured the use of a bathroom so men could take a weekly bath with a towel furnished for a small fee.

The car show has been going on scheduled for four hours every Monday night through July, August, and September and is continually grown in size and increasing number of vehicles on display each week.

The City of Belleville hosts the National Strawberry Festival for four or five days with Main Street closed – also our Art Council residents responsible for the art fairs that the city hosts that draw many people from the outside to the vendors that occupied Main Street. Then, there is a Halloween celebration, with the Oktoberfest and where Main Street is decorated with cornstalks, different figurines, and costumes. The city also has a Christmas festival and a parade where Santa Claus welcomes the young ones in Belleville and they get to meet him for the first time in the First United Methodist Church. A museum is located in the center of town to help people come to this location. The city enjoys a reputation as a good place to live, raise your family, and you will hear many comments from outsiders telling you that this little city

always seems to have something to promote itself and to satisfy the different branches of citizenship that live here. I have not forgotten the ice figurines or the other activities that take place at various times of the year. It's all part of Belleville. Our concerts in the park, placement of flags at the graves of servicemen in the cemetery, plus other activities such as the Taste of Belleville.

The calamity in the article that was published seem to scandalize what the city council is trying to do and the businesses and that is bringing more people into our community – securing the leading principle of improving relationships between businesses and the public so that the people will continually return to the city of Belleville. The letter also implied that the closing of Main Street for four hours once a week prevented him from journeying from Ann Arbor or finding a local restaurant to eat his meal. It should be noted that there are two additional full-service restaurants and two outstanding sandwich shops that are all within a block of the boundaries of the car show. The car show has been going on for four hours every Monday night through July, August and September and has continually grown in size where I believe the last count was over 200 cars on display. All of this is arranged by Mr. Copsey, with approval of the city council to use Main Street. Mr. Copsey handles all the expenses of the show setting up the tent for vehicle registration at no cost to the owner of the automobile. He provides three or four workers in identifiable shirts to help direct and tell participants where to park. He goes further, knowing that people are here during their supper hour and he prepares pulled pork slider sandwiches that are delivered to your location for a dollar apiece and also furnishes water and Gatorade for the pleasure of the people attending this event. It is with great dismay I see a letter that scandalizes these places of business trying to reach a goal of bringing more people into Belleville. The letter seems to distort the work that this restaurant owner is attempting to reach and maligns with an unfavorable term. A second letter was describing the owner of the restaurant and how the business is consistently helping the food bank at the First Methodist Church, the police and

fire services, and people who have been subjected to extreme hardships.

Due to an accident where the airbags in my vehicle did not deploy, I'm no longer able to drive my antique vehicle, but am delighted to be able to attend the show on Monday night in my wheelchair. I look around and see others in wheelchairs and recognize some of the less-fortunate people who have been in accidents and are now being cared for in special facilities for their head and spinal injuries. Their presence is classified as an outing for them to attend and view the automobile in an effort to recall some memories of their earlier days.

While serving as president of the Veteran Motor Car Club of America, one of the club tours took us to the Rio Rancho, Arizona. The tour director, following an old trend of the West, took the entire group of 165 cars to his church to have the cars blessed by the local priest. I later wrote to this priest and thanked him for inviting the cars to his church and blessing them and the 165 drivers. The priest wrote back in a letter that I'd like to tell you the contents: "in essence, Mr. Bluhm, you will never know what pleasure and privilege you and your fellow enthusiasts bring to people and restore memories of their past with their loved ones. I wish to thank you for bringing your car here. It is my pleasure and I thank God for your presence and ask Him to protect you while you and your fellow drivers are on the road and especially for showing your automobiles so that many people will be able to reminisce and feel the contentment that these automobiles bring in making their day."

This is what I firmly believe Mr. Copsey is trying to instill within the city of Belleville to serve people and bringing new folks into our community to attend the shows,

the concerts on the lake, and showing the visitors our town. It is an essential part of making Belleville and the cordiality that we show to these visitors. There are 168 hours in the week and this event takes four hours from that 168. It hardly seems reasonable for anyone to make a complaint for them and to come up to some wildly formed jargon. I urge you to continue in a manner which has been successful.

If necessary, I will pass out petitions and get people to sign wanting to come and spend Monday nights in Belleville. You are doing a great service and I hope you continue not only for my benefit, but for all the others who come for some fellowship or memory reason – like the priest described in Rio Rancho. Thank you also and the city council members who voted their approval for this type of activity arrangement and for the 400 to 500 people who come each week.

Thank you,
Don Bluhm, Belleville

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The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Concert Lakeside continues tonight with Big Ray & the Motor City Kings (rock/blues) beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. In case of rain, the concert will take place across the street inside Belleville United Methodist Church on Charles Street. The concert is free.

Street Eats at Quirk Park, Jammin' in the

Park with Amp Radio 98.7 event is going on today, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Quirk Road. The event combines local restaurants with area food trucks for one-of-a-kind lunch offerings.

Belles Creatively Unexpected Treasures will be opening Sept. 3 in Downtown Belleville at 381 Main Street. Belles will feature local artisans in many media, such as candle, pottery, photography, jewelry, greeting cards, and one-of-a-kind furniture pieces. Owner Martha Milholin, an artisan herself (repurposed furniture) will give local artisans the chance to showcase themselves through their works on consignment. Those interested may call her at (734) 325-

2372 and visit her website at www.Belles-Resale.com, which should be up and running this week. The business is pet-friendly and supports the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue based in Sumpter. Milholin invites pets on a leash to browse there, too. Visit them on Facebook at Belles @belles Resale.

Better Builders Fence Co. in Canton is celebrating its 30th anniversary this summer with everything you need for the do-it-yourselfer. Or, have your fence project installed by the pros. BBF sells picket and privacy fencing in wood and PVC, chain link and vinyl coated, too. They also custom-make dog kennels to any size. See their ad in today's paper and call (734) 397-9790 or visit their showroom at 44955 Michigan Ave.

The Independent welcomes State Farm agent Ryan Taylor to our advertising pages. Located at 382 Main Street, Taylor provides insurance and financial services. Call (734) 699-7900.

The 70th Annual Wayne County Fair continues this week through Saturday at the fairgrounds on Quirk Road. See their schedule in today's paper. Today is Kids Day at the fair featuring events like mini pedal tractors, kids' games, and a coloring contest. Friday is Veteran's Day with free parking with military ID. Events include wood carving, jousting, stockman workshops and Night of Destruction demo derby, quad drag and burn out contests at the track, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Saturday wraps up the week of fun with a mud bog at 6 p.m.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township is holding two pet adoption clinics this month, beginning with this Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Pet Emporium at 2394 E. Stadium in Ann Arbor and on Saturday, Aug. 20, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store in Westland on Warren Ave, across from the mall. Call (734) 461-9458 and visit www.fmar1.org.

Our Lady of Scapular Parish in Wyandotte will be holding its annual Polish Festival Aug. 26-28. See the ad in today's paper for the daily entertainment line-up and other activities.

Call (734) 284-9135 and visit www.our-ladyofmountcarmel.org.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 11** – Big Ray and the Motor City Kings (rock/blue) will be in concert at Horizon Park starting at 7 p.m. The free Music Lakeside concert is presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. If it rains, it will be in the United Methodist Church across the street.

• **Friday, Aug. 12** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's Rustbelt Revival, *Folk/Rock*.

• **Friday, Aug. 12** – Friends Family Drive-In FREE Movie night, sunset, 8:39 p.m. Family films, fun, food, all free. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. Featuring: "God's Not Dead 2" Questions: (734) 482-5074. Preview: www.friendsfamilytheater.com

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• **Thursday, Aug. 18** – Belleville Bridge Walk begins at 5:30 p.m. from Doane's Landing, followed by the Taste of Belleville at Horizon Park. Music at the Taste, but no Music Lakeside concert this week. The annual Rubber Ducky Race also is scheduled.

• **Friday, Aug. 19** – Romulus DDA presents free Sounds in Downtown at the Romulus Historical Park, 11147 Hunt Street, at 7 p.m. Tonight it's Remedy – *Rocking Country*.

• **Saturday, Aug. 20** – From 6 to 9 p.m., the public is invited to a steak dinner at Moose Lodge 934 at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township. Southern Heat Band goes on stage from 8 p.m. to midnight, with special guest "Willie Nelson" arriving at 10 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person, sold at the lodge. Only 100 will be sold. Information: (734) 325-7799.



They're reading the Independent everywhere

The Wynn/Kasperek family reads the Independent June 2016 in the Town Square in Kraków, Poland. From left are Maria Kasperek of Belleville; Renee Kasperek Wynn of Ann Arbor; and Carol, Evelyn and Vikki Kasperek of Belleville. Carol Kasperek, Evelyn and Maria's grandmother, took the family on the tour of Poland to honor their 11-year (so far) commitment to Polish dance. They have been members of the Halka Polish Dance Ensemble of Detroit since they were 2 and 3 years old.

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Applebee's to host fund raiser on Aug. 18 to help fight Type 1 Diabetes

Team Schostak Family Restaurants' 100 eateries, including the Applebee's restaurant at 10526 Belleville Road in Van Buren Township, are hosting fund raisers on Aug. 18 aiming to raise \$25,000 to fight Type 1 Diabetes.

The statewide Dine to Donate event will benefit JDRF (formerly known as Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation).

Throughout the day, 10% of all guests' food sales from the restaurants will be donated to JDRF.

A leading global organization, JDRF is exclusively focused on ending Type 1 Diabetes, which is an autoimmune disease impacting 1.25 million Americans. The funds will be earmarked toward accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat Type 1 Diabetes and its complications.

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Lion Club sets Corn Roast/Car Show Aug. 27 for donations only

The Belleville Area Lions Club, in conjunction with the Connection Church, invites the public to its inaugural, gala charity/donation-only Corn Roast and Car Show.

The event will be on Saturday, Aug. 27, beginning at 8 a.m., the set up time for the car show. Connection Church is at 3855 Sheldon Road in Canton Township. The main events are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Car show participants are asked to enter from West Michigan Ave. and to look for the firetruck and the giant golf ball (radar tower). The show will be located on the main parking lot. Participants have been asked to respond by Aug. 20. They will be able to accommodate 150 cars on the lot and after that they may need to park on the other side of the church grounds on the grassy area.

The church grounds have a grassy area with a water fixture and pond area. The grassy area next to the car show is a good site for canopies and lawn chairs.

For more information, call Keith McDonald, membership chairman for the Belleville Area Lions Club, at (734) 697-0796. Or, email him at lpkeith77@comcast.net. This is a charity/donation-only event, so there is no set amount.

The Connection Church annually holds its picnic and corn roast and this year it is working with the Lions Club who will provide the food.

Besides all-you-can-eat roasted corn, the menu includes hot dogs, baked beans, watermelon, ice cream, cotton candy, snow cones and a beverage. These will be provided without charge, but the Lions will ask for a free-will donation to assist the charities the Lions support.

The event also will feature:

- Canton Concert Band, official band of the Village Theater;
- Ear Center Audiology will check for hearing deficiency;
- Eversight, formerly Michigan Eye Bank, will tell about cornea transplant;
- Face painting and a balloon twister for the kids;
- Greater Detroit Agency for the Blind and visually impaired;
- Leader Dog School puppies will be there in full force greeting all;
- Moon House where the kids can bounce around inside;
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Belleville battle

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reenactors to Belleville is part of the promotion for the Air Show on Aug. 20 and 21.

“He would like to bring a tank in by truck,” said Williams. “It would have all new rubber track. The police chief and DPW agreed. And, it will be checked before it’s unloaded.”

He said it would just go backward and forward and not make any turns.

“One year, one of the tanks did mar the road a bit because the rubber wore off,” Williams said.

DPW Director/Building Official Rick Rutherford said, “It’s fine. The smaller tanks had worn-out rubber. As long as there’s rubber that would be fine.”

There will have to be no-parking signs posted between Third and Fifth on Main and on Roys and Fourth streets and the council left that with the city manager to arrange.

In other business at the Aug. 1 meeting, the council:

- Approved the Central Business Community’s request for the closing of Fourth Street between noon and 3 p.m. on Oct. 15 for a “Monster Mutt Walk,” a Halloween Booville pet show-dog walk. Dogs need to be in costume and their walkers should be in appropriate clothes, too, said CBC president Bill Wolters. There was some difference of opinion about the route of the walk and it was left for the city manager to work out an adjusted safe route with Wolters. There will be watering stations for the dogs and each entry will get a bag and gloves. There also will be a team of trailers, just in case there’s a mistake, Wolters said. Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue will bring pets for adoption;

- Approved a lease/purchase agreement through Atchinson Ford for a 2017 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD at a price of \$28,116.10. There will be three annual payments of \$10,161.25. A cost for the police equipment and markings to be installed is to be determined;

- Approved the first reading of the updated Sign Ordinance, with changes to comply with a Supreme Court ruling that required loosening up of rules on signs because of the rights of property owners and the general public, according to Planning Commission chairman Steve Jones. “You can’t limit political signs very much because of Free Speech,” he said. Most of the changes were due to the court case, he said. Rutherford said the city was advised by the planner to change the city’s rules before it is taken to court. Wording on vinyl clings and how 35% of the window is allowed to be covered with signs is also in the ordinance. Jeff Vernon of the Candy Shoppe said he objects to parts of the ordinance that restrict businesses too much;

- Approved accounts payable of \$294,056.39 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Burnham & Flower Insurance Group, \$4,929 annual premium

for fire department; to Oakland County, \$2,503.13 for CLEMIS for police; to Jack Doheny Co., \$1,564.17 for street sweeper repair; to WorkNGear, \$1,150 for uniforms for DPS; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$858.65 for Fire Engine 451 service; to RockNRescue, \$775 for rescue litter for fire department; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$765 for Engine 453 service; to Wayne County, \$665 for prisoner lodging for police; to Metro Environmental, \$620 for high-pressure jet service for Water/Sewer department; to Burhop Collision, \$535.78 for truck repairs, from Water/Major/Local funds; to BCBS-NC, \$533.11 for COBRA payment, general fund;

- Heard Rutherford report that Wayne County still says October is the completion date for work on West Columbia/West Huron River Drive. He said if they don’t repair the concrete base property, the asphalt will fail. He said he’s not happy that one of the city’s main arteries is blocked, but he’s glad they are doing it right. Brian Blackburn said the day school starts will be a very fun day. He was assured Davis Street would be available for access to the high school;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer say that she has asked the Pokemon people to remove Pokemons from Hillside Cemetery and they need the coordinates, which are being obtained. Kelly Bates thanked her for her efforts. She said at the last meeting she brought forth the subject that her relatives were buried in another cemetery that first had the problem with Pokemon;

- Heard Mike Renaud ask if the DDA cuts back on maintenance fees to the city will there be layoffs and Mayor Kerreen Conley said, “Not at this moment,” adding there is a potential for not filling a position. Conley said the DDA is looking at cutting

back to stay in line with the level of funding it has. “When they bonded for the road, no one saw the downturn coming.” Fire Chief Brian Loranger said if the DDA pays an outside service for mowing, it would free up the DPW workers to do more for the city. “Both of them?” Rutherford replied, indicating there are only two DPW workers left and they are struggling to cover city services;

- Heard Rutherford give an update on the cleaning up of the city property on Savage Road next to the DPW yard. He said the city’s youth workers this summer have removed 70 yards of trash so far and are in the process of pulling items out of the

last of the less-than-desirable buildings so it can be demolished. He said there are 10-12 young workers in two phases at the city this summer; and

- Heard council members and Kollmeyer send condolences to the family of Lee Prybyla following his July 23 death. Prybyla was a city DPW employee and Kollmeyer said his death has been hard on all the other city workers.

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Interested candidates must complete an application to: Sumpter Township Clerks Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. The Township of Sumpter is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Publish: August 11, 2016

Sumpter Township Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION

The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the
SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

The proposed project consists of the installation of a generator already procured by the Township at their Senior Center facility located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111. The project is funded by CDBG grants and subject to prevailing wage regulations as dictated by the Davis-Bacon Act.

Sealed bids will be received by:
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

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Sumpter Township Clerk's Office
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

Publish: August 11, 2016

Public Notice

STATE OF ALABAMA
COLBERT COUNTY
In the Probate Court
Case No. P15-0263
In the matter of

THE ESTATE OF
HAROLD GLEN CARRIGAN
Deceased

ORDER

Petition for Partial Settlement having been filed with the Court and the Court having considered same, it is ORDERED:

This matter is set for hearing on the 20th day of September 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

DONE and ORDERED this the 18th day of July, 2016.

Daniel Rosser
Judge of Probate

Publish: July 28, 2016
August 4, 2016
August 11, 2016

Court Watching:

Judge Green directs Poore how to stay out of Van Buren Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At a court session on July 27 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, Scott Allen Poore, 42, waived his preliminary exam on charges of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon/felonious assault on July 5 in Van Buren Township.

His arraignment on the information at circuit court is 9 a.m. Aug. 10.

Poore was free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond, with the stipulation of his bond that he stay out of Van Buren Township, which was set by Judge Brian A. Oakley at Poore's arraignment.

At Poore's probable cause conference on July 20 before Judge Oakley, Poore's retained attorney David Cripps asked that the stipulation be lifted because of Poore's business.

Judge Oakley said on July 7 he asked Poore directly if that stipulation was a problem and he said no.

Poore then told Judge Oakley that his shop is next door to the Van Buren Police Department and it is a problem because he has a business in VBT.

Judge Oakley appeared irritated that Poore hadn't said anything until now and he asked the assistant prosecutor about it and she said

she has no information on this.

Officer in charge is Detective Donovan McCarthy and he told Judge Oakley that the victim in this case is Poore's ex-wife's new husband. Judge Oakley left the bond stipulation in place.

But on July 27 when Poore was before Judge Green to waive his preliminary exam, attorney Cripps again asked to drop the stipulation about staying out of Van Buren Township. He said Poore lives in Livonia and rents a garage at Willow Run Airport and would like to be able to go there alone.

After Judge Green determined this was not near the location where the incident happened, he directed Poore to go to the airport by a route that keeps him out of VBT. He is to take I-94 to Rawsonville Road and go to Willow Run Airport from that direction.

Ted Donald Sinclair

Ted Donald Sinclair, 38, had been lodged in the Wayne County Jail on a drunk driving charge and driving while license suspended although he was due for release on his \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

It had to do with the jail having trouble putting on the required alcohol tether before releasing him, said his retained attorney Matthew Dupee.

On July 20, 34th District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley and Sinclair's attorney Dupee tried to untangle the details.

Part of the confusion was Sinclair's other charges concerning failure to pay child support and a failure to appear charge concerning his pretrial exam on that charge which now is set for Oct. 5. Sinclair is

labeled a habitual offender which will increase his penalties.

Sinclair was brought to Judge Oakley's courtroom by the county on July 20 although the county stopped delivering incarcerated defendants to court for probable cause conferences earlier this year. This appearance was supposed to be by video.

Attorney Dupee asked for an adjournment of Sinclair's probable cause conference because he's been waiting in jail for a tether for two weeks. Dupee said they would agree to any kind of device just to get him out.

Judge Oakley sent Sinclair back into the jail lockup and told Dupee to just hang out until they made some phone calls. Judge Oakley called the head of his probation department and that person looked into the situation.

Later, Judge Oakley called Sinclair into court again and got Dupee back before him to explain what he had discovered.

Judge Oakley said there were two reasons Sinclair was in jail: "There's a hold on you for Friend of the Court and the person who puts on tethers has been on vacation for a week and it'll take another week for them to get to you."

Judge Oakley said Sinclair was on personal recognizance bond and Judge Oakley was removing the need for an alcohol monitor. Judge Oakley cautioned him not to purchase or use mind-altering alcohol or drugs as a stipulation of his bond.

On July 27 he waived his preliminary exam and Judge Green bound him over to circuit court for an Aug. 10 arraignment on the information on charges of operating while intoxicated-3rd and driving while license suspended-2nd on Feb. 27 in Van Buren Township. The warrant was issued June 21. Officer in charge is Detective Mark Buxton.

Robert Dale Cannon

Robert Dale Cannon, 45, had his probable cause conference on July 20 before Judge Oakley and was scheduled for his preliminary exam on July 27 before Judge Green. But that was adjourned until Aug. 31.

He is charged with two counts of carrying a concealed weapon in Van Buren Township on Feb. 15. VBT Detective Ken Toney is the officer in charge of the case. Cannon is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

Phillip Andrew Moore

Phillip Andrew Moore, 32, waived his preliminary exam by video on July 27 from the Wayne County Jail. He was bound over by Judge Green for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on Aug. 3.

He is charged with possession of narcotics in the City of Belleville on July 15. His bond was \$10,000/10%, but he couldn't afford to get out. He told Judge Green he could afford \$300 and so Judge Green reduced his bond to \$3,000/10%.

His court-appointed attorney David Lankford said Moore has out-of-state contacts and pending warrants out of Monroe and Carleton.

Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Officer Jeff Wickham.

Alexander Paul Kelly

Alexander Paul Kelly, 24, was charged

with possession of narcotics and possession of marijuana in the City of Belleville on July 16 and was due for his probable cause conference before Judge Green on July 27. Instead, he took a plea deal that amended his first count to use of narcotics, a misdemeanor, and pled guilty to having marijuana in his possession.

His sentence was deferred for a year and if he stays out of trouble charges will be dismissed. Fine was \$1,100 total and he could use \$900 of the \$1,000 he paid for bond, leaving what he owed the court at \$200.

His retained attorney was Jeffrey Osment and the officer in charge of the case was Belleville Officer Tim Trombley.

Belva Lynn Jarzyna

Belva Lynn Jarzyna, 55, waived her preliminary exam on July 27 and Judge Green bound her over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Aug. 10. She is charged with operating while intoxicated-3rd, driving while license suspended, and driving with open intoxicant on Feb. 15, 2012 in VBT. She is out on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and is represented by court appointed attorney David Lankford.

Officer in charge of the case is VBT Detective Ken Toney.

Dusty Ray Howard

Dusty Ray Howard, 34, waived his preliminary exam by video from the Wayne County Jail on a charge of possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams on July 17 in the City of Belleville. Judge Green bound him over for an arraignment on the information at circuit court on Aug. 3.

At his arraignment at circuit court, he pled guilty to the charge and Judge Margie Braxton will sentence him on Sept. 20.

His court-appointed attorney is Jeffery Perlman and the officer in charge of the case is Belleville Cpl. Kris Faull.

He is co-defendant with Kayla Marie Fisher.

Kayla Marie Fisher

Nicolette Marie Porter

Kayla Marie Fisher, 25, and Nicolette Marie Porter, 25, stood together to waive their preliminary exams on charges of possession of narcotics or cocaine less than 25 grams. Fisher was charged for the offense on July 17 in the City of Belleville. Porter was charged for the offense on Nov. 21, 2015.

Judge Green bound them over for arraignments on the information at circuit court. Fisher was due at court on Aug. 3 to face charges with co-defendant Dusty Howard. On Aug. 3 she pled guilty to the charge and will be sentenced Sept. 20.

Porter is due at circuit court on Aug. 10.

Fisher was out on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond and Porter was out after posting her bond of \$20,000/10%.

They both are represented by court-appointed defense attorney Jeffrey Perlman. The officer in charge of Fisher's case is Belleville Cpl. Kris Faull. The officer in charge of Porter's case is Officer Ken Fragodt.

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Box On Family Band from Grand Rapids, Michigan 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM & 9-10 PM	The Polish Muslims from Hamtramck, Michigan 2-3:15 PM, 3:45-5 PM	The Ampolaires from Chicago, Illinois 1-1:45 PM, 2:30-3:15 PM, 4-5 PM
New Brass Express from Ubyly, Michigan 6-6:45 PM, 8-9 PM & 10-11 PM	Ray J & The Carousels from Fort Vue, Pennsylvania 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM, 9-10 PM	Duane Malinowski from Toledo, Ohio 1:45-2:30 PM, 3:15-4 PM
P.R.C.U. Rogalin Polish Dancers of Wyandotte, Michigan @ 6:45 PM	Echoes of Poland Dancers of Toledo, Ohio @ 6:45 PM	Polka Family Band from Bloomsberg, Pennsylvania 5-6 PM, 7-8 PM & 9-10 PM
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 421 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 31:
0040 – noise complaint, Briarwood Dr./Van Born
0051 – vehicle repossession, Marina Cv.
0118 – noise complaint, Reene Dr.
0130 – harassment call, Parkwood
0327 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0856 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1258 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1345 – breaking & entering, Van Born
1401 – retail fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1442 – suicide or attempt, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1722 – property damage accident, Reene Dr.
1829 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1929 – agency assist, Johnny’s Grill
2353 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

Monday, Aug. 1:
0105 – vehicle repossession, Village Green Ln.
0725 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0931 – civil matter, Martz Rd.
1142 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1237 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1541 – lake complaint, High St.
1702 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2033 – agency assist, Grove/Snow
2050 – agency assist, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2139 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2234 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Spencer
2314 – assault & battery, Vernon St.
2318 – assault & battery, Lake Villa Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 2:
1107 – assault & battery, Bayshore Dr.
1116 – code enforcement, McBride Ave.
1332 – ATV/ORV complaint, Edison Lake
1343 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1536 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1627 – hospice, Sumpter Rd.
1827 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2106 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
2131 – shots fired, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 3:
0038 – missing person, Denton Rd.
0519 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln., cancel
0615 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Hampton Dr.
0640 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0643 – larceny from auto, Revere D.
0722 – breaking & entering, Sumpter Rd.
0846 – harassment call, N. Ponderosa
0916 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0927 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler
1114 – malicious destruction of property, Peachtree
1141 – suspicious vehicle, Hanger 2
1145 – unattended death, Denton Rd.
1424 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1445 – breaking & entering, Montague Ave.
1555 – malicious destruction of property, Maurice
1707 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2022 – ATV / ORV complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
2335 – private property accident, Ecorse BP
2358 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 4:
0134 – dumping complaint, Oak Ln.
0656 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
0658 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1006 – disturbance, E. Walden Dr.
1019 – fraud, Hawthorne Ct.
1401 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler
1629 – agency assist, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.
1707 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1731 – private property accident, Industrial
1837 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.

2119 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd
2259 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
2358 – suicide or attempt, Edwards Rd.
Friday, Aug. 5:
0119 – juvenile complaint, Oak Ln.
0752 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0935 – intimidation threat, Van Born
1034 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1037 – disorderly conduct, Quirk Rd.
1117 – property damage accident, Van Buren St.
1230 – larceny, Chase Bank
1254 – malicious destruction of property, Robson
1258 – property damage accident, Independence Ln. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1435 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1603 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1715 – neighbor trouble, Madison Dr.
1722 – harassment call, Pine Dr.
1932 – assault & battery, Mida Dr.
2042 – assault & battery, McBride Ave.
2359 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 6:
0129 – property damage accident, NB ramp I-275 / Ecorse Rd.
0959 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.
1026 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1347 – intimidation complaint, Revere Dr.
1422 – lake complaint, Edison Lk.
1424 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1432 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1432 – harassment call, Rawsonville Rd.
1444 – harassment call, Mike’s Kitchen
1454 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1611 – family trouble, Parkwood
1931 – disorderly conduct, Haggerty Rd.
2204 – traffic hazard, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
2233 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd.
2311 – assault & battery, Spruce Ln.

Also on this week’s log are 120 traffic stops, with 15 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 31:
0203 – suspicious person, Owen Intermediate
0239 – motorist assist, Belle Plaza
0804 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1335 – information, Loza Ln.
1610 – motorist assist, Main St.
1626 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.
1927 – fight, Johnny’s Grill

Monday, Aug. 1:
0242 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0334 – vehicle repossession, Menlo Park Dr.
0657 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0933 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1155 – intrusion alarm, Owen
1223 – private property accident, main St.
1438 – civil matter, Toarmina’s Pizza
1438 – property damage accident, South St. / E. Columbia Ave.

1446 – lake complaint, Johnny’s Grill
1601 – found property, Citgo
1807 – animal complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2035 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
2231 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Aug. 2:
0512 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.
0915 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1113 – domestic assault, Main St./Fourth St.
1445 – background investigation, Madelon St.
1556 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1842 – civil matter, Potter Dr.
1903 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2000 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Aug. 3:
0324 – warrant arrest, W. Columbia Ave.
0328 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0844 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
1726 – suspicious situation, W. Columbia Ave.
1832 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2044 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2245 – suspicious situation, Carmell St. / Dos Rios
2244 – operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Loza Ln.
2315 – property check, Cocoa Beach
2355 – suspicious vehicle, Biggs Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 4:
0253 – parking complaint, Carmell St.

0317 – suspicious vehicle, South St./E. Davis St.
0637 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St./First St.
0841 – information, Charles Ct.
0935 – fraud, Henry St.
1047 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1122 – lost property, Main St.
1439 – abandoned auto, W. Davis St.
1535 – property damage accident, E. Columbia / tracks
1911 – warrant arrest, Bemis/Sumpter

Friday, Aug. 5:
0018 – booking inmate, Tyler
0056 – welfare check, High St.
1232 – larceny, Chase Bank
1341 – background investigation, Main St., cancel
1401 – agency assist, N. Liberty St.
1713 – abandoned auto, Denton Rd./Main St.
1811 – suspicious situation, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1940 – suspicious situation, Second St./Main St.
2019 – motorist assist, Chase Bank
2031 – assist fire dept., Main St.

Saturday, Aug. 6:
0019 – suspicious situation, St. Anthony
0059 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
1031 – property damage accident, Main/High
1411 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1454 – intrusion alarm, E. Davis St.
1828 – assist fire dept., Victory Park
2114 – suspicious vehicle, Hillside Cemetery
2139 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.

Also on this week’s log are 47 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 31:
0016 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Willis
0111 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1001 – suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1003 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1343 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1345 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1430 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1615 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1945 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2240 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2311 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
2332 – suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.

Monday, Aug. 1:
0512 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Arkona
0632 – suspicious incident, Rawsonville/Willis
0657 – warrant arrest pick up, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1050 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1440 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1526 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Judd
1622 – threats complaint, Wayside Dr.
1626 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1653 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1753 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1830 – civil dispute, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2017 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
2028 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2327 – shots fired, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 2:
0803 – fire dept. assist, Nevada
1050 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1113 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1122 – disorderly person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1144 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1640 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Sumpter
1832 – property damage accident, Harris/Savage
2043 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2052 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2101 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2130 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 3:
0321 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0725 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos
0912 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1402 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1510 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1707 – suspicious incident, 49000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1741 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1908 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2013 – civil dispute, Stonecrest
2057 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
2130 – well-being check, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
2321 – suspicious vehicle, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 4:
0014 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0104 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0806 – abandoned vehicle, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1037 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Fenster
1245 – suspicious incident, Timberlane
1600 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1624 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1722 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1840 – well-being check, Texas

Friday, Aug. 5:
0117 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0536 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0753 – suspicious incident, 21000 bl. Fenster
1155 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1213 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1227 – larceny, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1418 – civil dispute, E. Arizona
1457 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2117 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Judd
2338 – assist other agency, out of township

Saturday, Aug. 6:
0114 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris / Westcott
0432 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0531 – assist other agency, out of township
1031 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1303 – animal complaint, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
1423 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Weimer Dr.
1434 – suspicious incident, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1807 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1845 – ordinance violation, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1954 – ordinance violation, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2104 – reckless driver complaint, 46000 bl. Reed
2208 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
2215 – warrant arrest pickup, Utah
2312 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this week’s log are 11 follow-up investigations, 35 miscellaneous details, 111 patrol checks, and 37 traffic stops.

Military Retiree Appreciation Day set Sept. 24 at Selfridge

A military Retiree Appreciation Day will be held from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. Retirees from all branches of the armed forces and their family members/guests are eligible to attend to receive updated information about retiree entitlement programs.

Pre-registration is required, is limited to 600, and must be accomplished by Monday, Sept. 12. The registration form, available online at http://www.mccoy.army.mil/Services/ACAP_Documents/2016_RAD_REGISTER.pdf, contains detailed information about the event. Direct any questions to (586) 239-5580.

The registration form also contains a complete listing of Retiree Appreciation Day events throughout the Midwest.

Photo identification is required for all personnel to access the installation on the day of the event.

Birthdays

Aug. 3 – Kathy Nieman
Aug. 7 – Gary Marshall
Aug. 8 – Shana Tooley, LeRoy Paige
Aug. 9 – Maria Holmes
Aug. 11 – Claudia Roullier, Marek Thompson
Aug. 12 – Yianni Genimatas
Aug. 16 – Phil Miller
Aug. 19 – Peggy Voigt

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Circe Ann Pullen and Douglas S. Mott

Engaged: Circe Ann Pullen, Douglas Mott

Circe Ann Pullen and Douglas S. Mott have announced their engagement to be married. They are planning a beach wedding in Florida for April 29, 2017.

Circe, who lives in Newport with her dog Suede, is the daughter of James "Corky" Pullen and Patricia Heady of Belleville.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business from Baker College, graduating

summa cum laude. She is employed as office manager at Family Gentle Dentist in Woodhaven.

Douglas, also of Newport, is the son of Robert and Kathy Hazel of Taylor. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business from Davenport University and works as a systems analyst for Operation Breakthrough.

Anniversaries

Aug. 21 – Tom and Debbie Griffin

Aug. 24 – Jessica and Brandon Smith

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